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Morgan 'sex tapes' subpoenaed

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Lawyers for the man accused of killing former model Vicki Morgan have subpoenaed the government for any videotapes they say might show the mistress of the late Alfred Bloomingdale, presidential adviser Edwin Meese and others at sex parties.

The disclosures came in the first day of a pre-trial hearing in Los Angeles Tuesday on a motion to suppress statements by Marvin Pancoast after his arrest for Morgan's slaying.

"We will prove that she (Morgan) was killed for those tapes and not by my client," Arthur Barens, Pancoast's law-

yer, said Tuesday.

He said more "government officials will be named specifically" at a later date.

Meese is the president's nominee for attorney general. But his nomination has become snarled over questions about his finances and about Meese family friends receiving federal jobs.

Meese could not be reached for comment but his lawyer, Leonard Garment, expressed outrage at the development.

The subpoenas seek "all documents, audio tapes, or videotapes depicting or relating to ... Vicki Morgan and presidential adviser Edwin Meese or any other government official presently employed on the

White House staff or any U.S. senator or congressman." They were served on the FBI, CIA, Los Angeles Police Department, the Rancho La Costa country club and the Westwood Marquis Hotel.

The subpoenas also seek records of "any government surveillance" of Meese, Morgan, Bloomingdale, his widow, Betty — a close friend of Nancy Reagan — and Gordon Basichis, a writer defense lawyers say is a close friend of Morgan.

"We have information that the tapes exist and that the government has them," Barens said.

Morgan, 30, died last July 7 — nearly a year after filing a \$10 million palimony suit against Bloomingdale — a close friend of Ronald Reagan.

Pancoast, 30, walked into a North Hollywood, Calif., police station the day of her death and said he had beaten her to death with a baseball bat.

"The confession was the product of a crazy man and that confession can't be believed," said Barens.

A week after Morgan's death, lawyer Robert K. Steinberg, of Los Angeles, — representing Pancoast at the time — said he had videotapes showing high government officials cavorting with Morgan.

He later said someone had stolen them.